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Application of: Maruani et al.

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Anticipated Classification of this Application:  
Class 514 Subclass 406.000

Examiner: J. Kim

For: USE OF CANNABINOID RECEPTOR  
ANTAGONISTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF  
DRUGS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, after the title of the invention and before line 2, insert the following cross reference to related application information:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of prior copending application, Serial No. 09/341,764, filed August 19, 1999, which in turn is a 35 U.S.C. 371 application of PCT International application No. PCT/FR98/00154, filed January 28, 1998, which in turn claims priority from French application No. 97/00870, filed January 28, 1997.--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 34-38, amend claims 19-27 and 32-33, and add new claim 39 as follows before calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application.

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19. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing a CB<sub>1</sub> receptor antagonist and a regulator of metabolic functions together with a pharmaceutical excipient.

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